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Plan for a further 100 homes at Littlemoor

WORRIED residents meet tonight (Thursday) to discuss serious concerns about a second big proposed

housing development at Littlemoor, Weymouth.

A scheme for 176 homes at Destiny Fields was re-

cently given the go-ahead by planners who must now rule on a second scheme for 100 homes on land to the south of Louviers Road.

Agent Richard Burgess Associates for applicants the Whettam Estate is applying for outline permission for the scheme and claims release of the site for residential development is "timely and appropriate".

But news of another potential block of 100 homes is concerning nearby residents including Malcolm Beeson who said he feared that more homes on top of 176 approved for the Destiny Fields development was bound to overload services in the area.

He added: "Taken to-

gether they will have disastrous consequences at doctors' surgeries and schools."

He said he also had traffic concerns and added: "Neighbours and I are also very concerned at the proposal to add all the drainage from the new site to the sewers of the existing estate which lies downhill from the new site.

"Sewers are totally dependent upon pumps, so any equipment failure would lead to flooding, not at the new development but around existing homes.

"I also suspect that scores of dog walkers who currently use the field will be up in arms at the loss of this amenity area. It has been used in this way for at least 15 years and the whole field has been accessible to them. It is only in the last few years that the field has been managed for agriculture."

Littlemoor Community Action Group chairman Gill Paterson said news of the second major housing scheme was "not good".

She added: "It is going to put so much pressure on this area. We already have one massive housing scheme for Littlemoor and this second development will just compound the problems caused by the first."

"It isn't very good forward planning and more a

disaster waiting to happen because it will swamp doctors' surgeries and schools."

"We will be discussing it at a meeting tonight in Little Community Centre off Canberra Road at 7.30pm."

Littlemoor doctor Huw Llewellyn was also worried and said the developers should contact the local primary care trust to discuss how resources in the area

could be increased to manage the increased demand in health care stemming from an increase in population.

He added: "If there isn't an increase in resources then it is very possible that the services currently provided will be put under greater pressure and it is therefore possible that the quality of care currently provided will deteriorate as a result of the development."

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THE Heritage Hotel and Restaurant is situated in Chickorell, three miles west of Weymouth. Chef Anne Grove runs the business with her husband John. Whilst Anne cooks the meals, John is front of house and head of money. Between them they have created a cosy and intimate retreat for guests who enjoy fine food and country walks.

As dog lovers and sailing enthusiasts they have managed to combine some of West Dorset's greatest assets with a passion for local food and they attract guests from all over the world.

Here Anne talks about the hotel and restaurant, her culinary influences and her attitude to why the long hours spent in the kitchen are worth it.

■ HOW did you come to be running The Heritage?

We used to have a hotel on Dartmoor. About four years ago we decided to come a bit further east to be nearer family. Also, the Olympics was a draw because my husband enjoys sailing, and then we fell in love with this building when we saw the business was for sale.

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■ WHAT kind of cuisine do you serve in the restaurant?

I would say it's modern British with international influences. On Sundays we do a traditional roast, but the à la carte menu has other things if that's what you fancy. Our market is fairly traditional although it's really encouraging to see people trying something new.



And of course our full Dorsetshire breakfasts for guests are greatly appreciated.

■ WHAT kind of food do you most enjoy cooking?

I adore making and eating puddings, chocolate speci-

ically, and bread. On the main courses I particularly enjoy doing fish dishes because we have such fantastic local supplies of it. We try not to get too complicated - it's so delicate it's best to let the base flavours shine. We just had some great sardines and brill come in today.

■ WHAT is a typical day like for you?

The alarm goes off at 6am so I'm in the kitchen for 7am preparing breakfast. Then we clear up, prep for dinner or functions, and take deliveries. We are open every night except Sunday for dinner. On Sunday we are open for lunch instead. We eat our lunch anytime between 1pm and 5pm and I usually take Cello our Bouvier out for a walk at about 3pm, then it's back in to the kitchen at 6pm. We usually eat what the customers don't each day - it makes for a very varied diet. We generally have our supper after we've finished cooking, which is usually around midnight so we often don't get to bed till 1am. Then we do it all again the next day.

■ SO, what keeps you going?

I just love doing what I do and when you have your own business it's usually because you really want to do what you're doing. You have to have a passion for a business like this. I have worked for other people and done long hours in that way, but I couldn't have kept doing that ad infinitum. Your motivation is when you get someone saying "thank you" and coming back again.

■ WHICH three famous people you like to cook a meal for?

My biggest influence is a Chef called Sally Clarke. She's one of the most wonderful chefs, and I find her philosophy reflects my own attitude to cookery. I really admire her and I'd love to cook for her. I also have always had great admiration for the late Diane Fossey - not for her cooking obviously, but because I adore gorillas. And I'd like to cook for the Queen. I have tremendous respect for her so I would just like to say, "thank you". I think she likes fairly simple food - but simple can be great.

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Ferry sailings move to Poole

STRUCTURAL problems with Condor Ferries' berth in Weymouth has forced some sailings to be switched to Poole until at least February 27th.

Condor said it was moving its sailings because of "mutual concerns" with Weymouth Harbour over the structural integrity of part of the berth which is understood to involve cracks in the harbour wall and a drop in the quay surface.

Weymouth and Portland transport spokesman Councillor Christine James said: "It is a bit of a blow for Condor to have to go to Poole."

"I have been led to believe that it is only a short term problem which can be solved."

"I believe that the problem is linked to recent bad weather, shifting harbour floor conditions and the effect of boat engines on the berth area."

Emergency work is being carried out on the berth, passengers were contacted about the change of port and Condor operations director Captain Fran Collins said: "The safety of our passengers and crew is always our highest priority and we have taken this step to help sustain our lifeline ferry services between the Channel Islands and the UK."

"We are working closely with Weymouth Harbour to understand the extent of this issue and are in close cooperation with Poole Harbour Commissioners to make sure the change of port goes as smoothly as possible."

War memorial repairs

WEYMOUTH'S American War Memorial is to undergo a £20,000 revamp.

The Grade II listed structure commemorates American servicemen and women who lost their lives on the Normandy beaches during the Second World War after passing through Weymouth.

A specialist surveyor was commissioned to identify defects with the memorial and found its supports needed to be repaired to ensure its long-term stability.

The memorial will be dismantled during the process in order to fix it with stainless steel supporting beams.

It was erected in 1947 and is made from Portland Stone.

The works will cost £20,000 with half funded by the War Memorials Trust and the other half by Weymouth and Portland council.

Works have just started and are expected to take around six weeks to complete.

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■ NOMINATIONS NEEDED: Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter and Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester highlight the Olympic tickets for community heroes initiative

Olympic rewards for unsung heroes

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A HUNT is on for Weymouth and Portland's unsung community heroes to reward them with coveted tickets to watch the Olympic sailing events.

They might be volunteers, they might provide invaluable support for a good cause or they might just be a quiet champion of their community.

Whatever their hidden values, residents are being urged to nominate them to the council so the authority can reward their efforts.

Weymouth and Portland 2012 operations head Simon Williams said: "The council has managed to secure 70 of these highly sought after tickets and it is fitting that they go to community heroes."

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter agreed and said: "We want residents to nominate friends, family and

others who have carried out good deeds.

"Volunteers are so important because they are the unseen backbone of Weymouth and Portland and if volunteers stopped working nationally the whole country would fall apart, so they deserve all the recognition they can get."

Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester said: "These

tickets might be the only

way some local people

will have a chance to view

the sailing events.

"It is also one way of letting people who have helped the community know that their good deeds or significant achievements are appreciated.

"I think residents are going to nominate such

people because they are already talking about it."

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Among other concerns voiced were representations submitted by Brian Johnston, of nearby Honeysuckle Close who said: "Local infrastructure cannot support another 100 families on top of the 170-house development. Where are these families going to send their children to school?"

"A very small play area is planned on this development which is insufficient for 100 potentially young families. The play area on Honeysuckle Close will see greatly increased activity and noise."

But the applicants claim drainage needs

can be met by a variety of measures including a tank up to two metres deep to be built in the north east corner of the site.

They add that the area is "well served" by doctors' surgeries and schools while open space would "occupy a very large part, about 0.4 hectares, of the proposed development" where residential areas of the site would be dissected by "green corridors".

Planners say the new homes outline application could be debated on April 25th and comments or objections should be received before then.

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Unions' anger over 'slash and burn' budget cuts

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FRONT LINE emergency services and help for the elderly and disabled in Dorset will suffer under a raft of budget cuts agreed this week.

Unions have called for a re-think on the cuts to the county's police, fire and social care spending. The Fire Brigade Union described the decision to make cuts as "slash and burn" and said it was inevitable that lives would be put at risk.

"The local fire crews have made sacrifices and we're facing the third year of a pay freeze with another two years of no more than 1 per cent a year. With what we're going through to protect local fire services this feels like a kick in the teeth," said official Karen Adams.

Chief Fire Officer Darran Gunter warned: "The options for achieving further significant savings without impacting on frontline services – which is something that we are desperate to protect – are now very limited despite the one-off freeze grant injection."

With the police authority's acceptance of its budget comes the warning that more than 100 posts will have to go.

Chief Constable, Martin Baker said the authority will now need to save £18m over four years. "The authority has already reduced expenditure by more than £6m, with further cuts of £5m planned for 2012/13. However, these reductions have only been possible with a significant reduction in workforce, with 284 posts removed by the end of the current financial year, and a further 108 posts to be removed during 2012/13." At County Hall county councillors approved a £15m saving target for the year ahead in addition to the £28m it has already approved.

Amongst the targets for saving will be a range of services for the elderly and vulnerable with more reliance on volunteers to fill the gaps.

The authority believes £9m can be found by increasing charges for residential homes, higher rental income from county council owned farms and a more cost-effective service to tackle potholes and other problems on rural

roads. Spending will also be reduced across a range of areas include staff training, arts, museums and sport, community safety and school improvement services.

But, despite these savings, council leader Angus Campbell said the council remained committed to protecting vulnerable people. He said that the community care budget has been increased by £3m per year to cope with the growing demand for services supporting older people and people with disabilities.

"The strength of any organisation is in its staff and I continue to be utterly amazed at the determination and grit shown by all as they cope with constant change and, at the same time, prioritise the quality of services they deliver to the public.

Lib Dem group leader Councillor Janet Dover criticised cuts totalling £1.5million in children's services while other members of the opposition group complained that papers setting out the changes did not contain enough detail to understand what the cuts would actually involve.

Cold weather help for vulnerable

GRANTS are being offered to older and vulnerable Dorset residents to help them cope with the cold. Dorset Community Foundation can pay grants for fuel and electricity bills, buying warm clothes, heating repairs, and anything to do with preventing potential cold related deaths, fuel poverty and social isolation.

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Academy must continue its work outside of Olympics

INTENSE talks are being held to make sure the operation of Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is not compromised by the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events.

Academy chief executive John Tweed said fine tuning was "vital" to ensure the academy can continue to operate as normally as possible right up to the Games and can resume its work as quickly as possible afterwards.

Mr Tweed said: "We are getting good co-operation with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games to try and ensure that we can run our summer programme of more than 20 events as efficiently as possible despite all the necessary work being carried out to enable us to host the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events.

"Olympic work includes installing an entire broadcast compound, sophisticated results technology, scoreboard and ceremony areas not to mention all the facilities for competitors.

"We have to do all this yet still maintain our reason for being which is to hold sailing events and our very important community sailing activities.

"We cannot do this without careful talks with Olympic organisers and detailed planning."

Mr Tweed added that one boost for the academy was the arrival on site in March of Sunsail, one of the biggest operators of racing yachts in the world.

He said: "They have established a new base at the academy for 2012 where they will have a number of their matched 40



■ ACADEMY chief executive John Tweed

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feet yachts available for racing, corporate activities, training and charter.

"Having them here extends the activities of the academy right through the sailing spectrum from children having their first lesson on the water right up to racing these large yachts.

"It underlines our premier position in yachting, the attraction of the area for sailing activity and the additional business being attracted to this area by the high profile we have achieved in the sailing world.

"Sunsail will be using a number of local marine companies to service these yachts and all of this adds to the multi-million pound annual benefit to Weymouth and Portland's economy."

Resurfacing for seafront

PREPARATION works started this week ahead of resurfacing Weymouth promenade with a characteristic red finish.

It is the next step of the seafront regeneration programme and six weeks of county council work will start at the north end of Brunswick Terrace and end at the south end of the promenade near the Pavilion car park.

About 300 metres of promenade will be resurfaced each day, working on half widths at a time to keep the Esplanade open.

Contractors will liaise with any businesses open during the works to keep access open and reduce disruption to a minimum.

Vehicle movements on the new surface will be restricted for a minimum of four to six hours and again contractors will liaise with businesses as work progresses.

Weymouth and Portland special projects spokesman Councillor Howard Legg said: "The works that are going to be carried out are the beginning of the end of our seafront regeneration project.

"The work is taking place now when use is low. Residents and visitors to Weymouth will be able to use the Esplanade during the busy summer period and Diamond Jubilee celebrations as normal but hopefully with an enhanced experience.

"We will try and keep disruption to a

minimum and apologise for any inconvenience caused."

Work has also started at the north end of the promenade opposite Astrid Way on the foundations for seven 15 metre-high illuminated, artist designed sculptural columns extending from Alexandra Gardens up to the Pier bandstand.

These ground works are being undertaken by M&L Engineering based on Portland who are just completing the refurbishment and installation of the Victorian columns along the promenade.

Each individual column will be internally lit with coloured light and each will house a laser lighting unit that will provide subtle and changing illuminations that will extend across the beach into the sea. Work for lights and resurfacing will be co-ordinated.

Mr Legg said: "The scheme will provide a new focal point for Weymouth's seafront and promenade and help raise the profile of Weymouth as a place of innovation and interest.

"These improvements will also help ensure that Weymouth looks its best for summer 2012 and will offer new and improved facilities and experiences for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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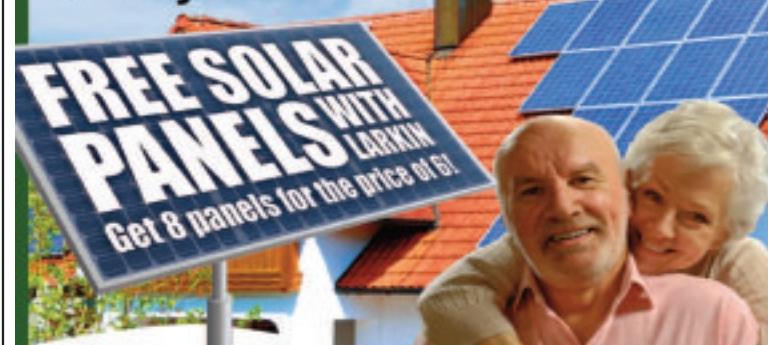
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Royalists march on Weymouth!

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CIVIL War enthusiasts from the Portland Garrison got a taste of how life used to be during a re-enactment of the famous Royalist march from Portland Castle to Weymouth. Garrison commander Dave Allan led the march by more than 30 Royalists which was the high point in a weekend of Civil War events.

He said: "It was a bit of a slog in full kit and it brought home just what soldiers of the period had to cope with."

Spectators were able to meet and chat with the marchers on their way to Sandsfoot Castle in Weymouth where they did a display of tactical marching and musket firing.

Children were also able to enjoy a sword school at the Old Town Hall in Weymouth, together with a variety of living history exhibits and activities from cannon balls to musical instruments, doublet making and 17th century cooking ahead of an evening banquet.

The weekend also saw the garrison tackle a separate march from Sandsfoot Castle via Bincleaves and the Old Town Hall to salute Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter on Holy Trinity Church steps before they went on to the Tall Ship Pelican for musket firing.

Dave said: "The weekend highlighted events which marked the final



■ ROYALISTS assemble near Portland Castle and (below) begin the march



■ JULIE Shields takes a hot raised apple pie from the bread oven



■ ON GUARD: Dave Allan (left) and Alex Darby toast sword school



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Olympic village handover

OLYMPIC bosses have officially taken temporary possession of the Portland Olympic village for sailing athletes.

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During the Games each house will host around eight athletes and have all facilities except a kitchen.

Athletes will eat in a temporary dining hall which will be constructed on the site and have a social area in the new Chesil Cove Foundation School which LOCOG will take temporary ownership of in May.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Graham Winter joined LOCOG deputy chairman Sir Keith Mills who had travelled to Dorset to accept the village from site developer ZeroC director Kim Slowe.

Mr Slowe welcomed dignitaries and guests and said: "This has given quite a legacy for Portland. All the homes will hit the market after the Olympics and some have been sold already."

Mr Winter said: "It is quite an historical moment because suddenly you realise that the Olympics are going to happen."

"I think the village is beautiful. The standard of accommodation is very high and will provide a fitting village for the sailing athletes."

"Once the Olympics are over there will be a fine legacy with the homes, about a quarter of which will be affordable housing."

Sir Keith said: "In a few months hundreds of athletes will be descending here and it will be a really busy bubbly place."

"I think the athletes will



■ KIM Slowe from developers ZeroC (right) joins LOCOG deputy chairman Sir Keith Mills to handover the the Olympic village on Portland



■ 'WONDERFUL ASSETS FOR THE FUTURE' The homes will be sold, with about a quarter becoming affordable housing after the Games

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be over the moon when they see what we have provided here."

He also highlighted legacy and said: "Wey-

mouth and Portland will be left with some wonderful assets for the future."

It would put the borough "centre stage", he said,

adding that he thought it was a great idea that some of the roads on the development might be named after medal winners.

Among guests was Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy chief executive John Tweed who said: "I think

the village is fantastic.

"It will be great accommodation for the athletes and it will be a substantial legacy afterwards because many of the homes will become affordable housing. It is a true success story which will be a great asset to Portland."

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■ BLOOMING LOVELY: Mark Ford (right) thanks Malcolm Coe for his support

Helping hand for garden blooms

EVERYTHING in Weymouth's Chapelhay Community Playgarden will be blooming thanks to a little help from the nearby Mechanize garage. Co-director Malcolm Coe donated £25 to the garden to help create a raised flowerbed.

He said: "I think it's a nice little local park and a good local cause, so we decided to support it. I hope the money helps create a bit of a splash of colour."

Garden chairman Mark Ford said: "It was a really helpful gesture by Malcolm which we much appreciate.

"We will be discussing what we want in the new flowerbed at our next Let's Grow meeting at the Garden on Sunday March 4th at 11.30am."

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What's on at The Park

WEYMOUTH'S Park Area Community Centre in Chelmsford Street is having a Cabaret Night on February 25th. Tickets cost £3, include a light buffet and are available from the centre. Guests can bring a bottle if they wish to this event which will feature a mixture from show songs to light disco.

Dancing is also an option and people are urged to get tickets early to help plan the buffet.

The centre will also be holding quiz night on March 3rd at 7pm when tickets will cost £3.50 with prizes and a light buffet.

Another event at the centre will be a jumble sale on March 10th at 10.30am and people are asked to contact 01305-839579 if they need to arrange a time to drop off their jumble in advance.

On March 21st at 7.15pm there will be a community PACT meeting at the centre with speakers on how the Olympics and Diamond Jubilee party will affect the community.

Waterside Community Forum would like to organise a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Tuesday, June 5th.

This will entail the closure of Chelmsford Street from Lennox Street to Hardwick Street between noon and 9pm that day. Residents who would like to get involved should contact the centre on 01305 839579 or email at theparkarea@btconnect.com.

Coach trips

PORLTAND'S Community 2000 is organising two bus trips.

The first on Wednesday, April 4th will go to Bristol or Bristol Ikea, leaving C2000 at 9am and returning at 3.45pm from Bristol Ikea and 4pm from Bristol Coach Station.

Pick-up points include Fortuneswell, Victoria Square, Wyke Regis and Weymouth and tickets cost £14.50.

The second trip is on Friday, April 13th to see the matinee performance of Dirty Dancing at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton.

The trip leaves C2000 at 9am with pick-up points at Fortuneswell, Wyke Regis and Weymouth with tickets costing £45.

Tickets for either trip can be booked through Wilma on 01305-824102 or Sheila on 01305-823477.



■ THUMBS UP: Charlie and Harry Croker give their view on Weymouth's new viewing tower

Tower boys get a preview

BROTHERS Charlie and Harry Croker have not only seen the new Weymouth Sea Life Tower before anyone else... they've been inside it!

The two boys, aged 10 and eight respectively, from Bideford, were whisked off to Germany and Hungary last week to meet the tower designers and see it being built.

The mission was organised by tower operators Merlin and suppliers Huss, of Bremen, when they learned of the boys' special interest in the new attraction.

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Prospective tower boss Craig Dunkerley said: "Their grandmother, retired Weymouth nursing home matron Janet Carter, regularly took them down to the development site and got them hooked on the whole project."

With their parents Richard and Carolyn, Charlie and Harry met the Huss design team in Bremen, then

flew to Budapest where they saw the massive steel sections of the tower's central column under construction.

They were even able to go inside one of the massive steel tubes that make up the central column of the new 53-metre tall tower. It is ten metres long and 2.5 metres wide and weighs a staggering 11 tons.

The new tower, offering birds-eye views of the Jurassic coastline, is set to open in the summer - and Charlie and Harry will be among the VIP guests when it does.



Visitor from southern Spain

AN exotic arrival has brightened up the bleak winter scenery at the RSPB's Weymouth Wetlands nature reserves.

A glossy ibis, pictured above which probably originates from southern Spain, has found refuge at the town's wildlife havens.

It was first spotted at Lodmoor nature reserve before it relocated to Radipole Lake where it has been seen several times.

Its presence gave RSPB information officer Luke Phillips a chance to take some close up photographs of the bird and he said: "It was quite amazing to see this foreign visitor so close.

"I have seen one at Radipole Lake before but that one flew off not long after I found it.

"Hopefully it will stay around long enough for plenty of our visitors to admire.

"While the visitor centre is closed for refurbishment, visitors can keep track of its movements by following our twitter feed. This can be found at www.twitter.com/rspbweymouth.

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Lynch Lane Offices acquires high quality office building



Lynch Lane Offices (LLO), Weymouth's leading provider of serviced office space, will be relocating to new premises in 2012. Charlotte Buckle, Director at LLO said: "We have secured the former Synergy Housing building situated on Lynch Lane, just next door to our existing building. This is a very exciting time for LLO. The long term future is looking very bright indeed."

When LLO started 3 years ago it was always clear that the building had a limited life span, due to its age. As fate would have it, the building next door, currently known as 'Egdon Hall', was offered for sale by

Synergy Housing. LLO's landlord, DJ Property purchased this high quality office building and have now agreed terms to lease it to LLO.

LLO expect to have keys to the new building on 1 May 2012 and, subject to planning, will be building a significant extension creating an additional 30 offices. This extension will be built between May and November 2012. The enlarged building will be of the highest quality and will total approximately 72 offices ranging from 100 sq ft to 1,000 sq ft plus.

Charlotte Buckle added: "We believe our rental rates and service charges will continue to be the best value in Dorset and the

quality of service second to none. We provide modern telecoms and IT systems plus meeting room facilities, as well as office support. We endeavour to take care of your office needs so you can concentrate on your business. We look forward to welcoming new customers and continuing to support our existing ones."

This move to larger more modern premises will cement LLO's position as the leading provider of serviced office space and services in South Dorset. As the focus of the world falls on Weymouth & Portland in this Olympic year, LLO will be ideally placed to develop their business further.



The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleaven**Leaving a record**

As I ran back to the church, the blue ambulance lights were flashing. The patient was barely alive, if at all. Doug had been our guest speaker to a full church. As an illustration, he had brought an LP record of a famous singer. He told us he was not sure what the soloist believed in life, but all we had left was his record.

Then Doug collapsed and was taken to hospital. What followed was a very traumatic time. I contacted his wife and we took her to the hospital where she was informed that her husband had died. We took her back home and heard the reaction of the children when they learned they had lost their Daddy. That was the only time I ever saw our pastor break down and cry!

Whether Doug's workmates shared his faith or not, they respected him for his witness of a consistent Christian life and the church was overflowing for the funeral. Here was a man illustrating a Christian message with a record when the record of his own life became so important.

In Job 16:19 (KJV) we read "...my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high."

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Mural project to unite community

A COMMUNITY mural is being planned to help improve the look and feel of a notorious graffiti hotspot in Weymouth.

The underpasses in Westham have been highlighted as a problem area for some time and Dorset Community Safety Partnership has now funded a project to design and paint a mural in the underpasses to help enrich the local community and encourage residents to respect the environment where they live.

The project is being co-ordinated by local artist Hannah Wallace who is asking people for their mural design ideas.

She said: "It is going to be a pretty big painting and I feel really proud to be part of this. What the project aims to do is superb."

"It will be nice to actually get painting because we have been talking about this for a long time."

She attended a community meeting to suggest mural ideas which was also attended by Police Community Support Officers Pauline Loveless and Gwen Sayers.

Gwen said she liked the concept of "lots of small paintings" while Pauline favoured a painting "with the Jubilee Clock at its centre".

The community meeting was arranged by Weymouth and Portland community development officer Julie Hursthouse.

She said: "Ideas we already have include a pottery painting because of nearby Pottery Lane, a Westham logo and a painting to recognise Westham's link with the Second World War Australian soldiers, several of whom are buried in Westham cemetery."

Julie added that all suggestions raised at the meeting would be collated and a mural design produced to incorporate as many as possible and completed by March 31st.

The project is running alongside the Wipe Out project which will see offenders repaying their debt to society by scrubbing graffiti off the streets of Weymouth.

The community payback offenders will be cleaning the walls ready for Hannah and her team of volunteers to paint.



■ ARTIST Hannah Wallace (left) with others at the mural meeting

Weymouth and Portland community safety spokesman Councillor Geoff Pethrick said: "Graffiti has been a problem in the underpasses at Westham and the project is an excellent idea to make residents

feel safe and proud of their neighbourhood."

Ideas can also be emailed to community safety officer Melissa Fear at m.fear@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk.

College makes a 'refreshing reply' to industry criticism

WEYMOUTH'S Budmouth Technology College is to open a unique Centre of Excellence on March 1st.

The college said that its new initiative, directed by Marcel Ciantar and stemming from its business and industry liaison scheme is, in part, its response to recent criticism levelled at students and schools by industry leaders

It said industry claimed that students were ill prepared, did not have the necessary skills to succeed in the workplace and that schools were failing to provide the support necessary for students to gain those skills.

Budmouth replied that its scheme provides "a refreshing reply" to this criticism, offering opportunities for students to work alongside local businesses and apprenticeship providers.

It also offers internships and scholarships to students, linking them directly to the workplace and subsequently equipping them with experience and an understanding of employment for their future careers.

College principal David Akers said the centre "offers students the opportunity to work in a business environment and enables them to explore the world of work first hand, helping smooth the progression from education to employment."

He added that students would be encouraged to take responsibility for running and managing the centre such as greeting guests, dealing with inquiries and attending training sessions to aid their development in areas such as leadership, time management and presentation skills.

Student Daniel Foley, who is currently undertaking an advanced internship, said: "People often criticise students for being ill-equipped in the skill set needed for the workplace, but the centre has provided me with the ability to learn, develop and showcase transferable and professional skills to use outside of the classroom."

Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce president Anna-Maria Geare said: "The centre will provide an exciting two way benefit to students and businesses."

Budmouth has been invited to present the concept behind The Centre at a National Business and Enterprise Conference being held at Warwick University in March.

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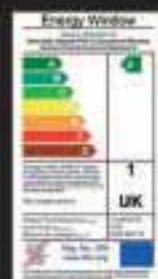
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Tour guide wins Jurassic Coast Award

WEST DORSET | A TOUR company whose zebra-striped minibuses are a common sight on West Dorset coast have won a Jurassic Coast Award.

Discover Dorset Tours were chosen for their contribution towards helping visitors appreciate and protect the Jurassic Coast.

The Jurassic Coast Award celebrates those who have made outstanding contributions to the

Jurassic Coast.

Each year the award focuses on a different group and this year's award focused on the business sector, recognising organisations that facilitate tourism, promote sustainability and really contribute to the Jurassic Coast area.

Sponsored by the Fine Family Foundation, the award supports the aims of the Jurassic Coast Trust.

"Any business that wel-

comes visitors to the Jurassic Coast is in a strong position to influence how people discover, understand and treat it," said Sibyl King, who is also a Jurassic Coast Trustee.

"They can also help look after it in their own practices."

"Discover Dorset were exceptional in their creative and enthusiastic approach to their tours and their commitment to the Jurassic Coast."

Managing Director of Discover Dorset Tours, Tim Sanders built his business from scratch as a result of World Heritage designation in 2001.

"At the time there was no-one else taking visitors to the Jurassic Coast and explaining it. As a local lad and a bit of a tourist myself, I recognised the opportunity and bought my first mini-bus. Discover Dorset now employs 40 tour guides and staff in the peak months."

The company has also won praise from Sally King, World Heritage Team's Visitor Services Manager.

She said: "We have always been impressed by Tim's enthusiasm to help



■ DISCOVER Dorset Tours Managing Director Tim Sanders with Jurassic Coast Award

visitors experience the World Heritage Site and his on-going efforts to reduce visitor impact and keep the coast special."

The Jurassic Coast Trust, a charity set up in direct response to World

Heritage designation, raises funds to help maintain, conserve and create understanding of the Jurassic Coast – England's first and only natural World Heritage Site. The Jurassic Coast

Heroes needed

DORSET | Dorset children are invited to grab their capes and fly to the aid of this year's Barnardo's Big Toddle.

The annual sponsored walk for children under five-years-old has a super-hero theme where toddlers can dress up as their favourite character.

Last year's events saw Dorset children raising almost £6,000 towards a regional total of more than £50,000.

Parents, carers, playgroups and nurseries can create their own Big Toddle at any time throughout the year.

Funds raised by the youngsters will go to help some of the UK's most vulnerable children, including those with physical and learning difficulties.

Sara Cobbedick, Toddle co-ordinator for Barnardo's South West, said: "We are now into our 15th annual Toddle and it's going to be bigger and better than ever."

"This year our theme is super-heroes, so children can have even more fun dressing up."

"Every penny raised goes directly to our work with under-5s – so everyone can enjoy themselves and help raise vital funds for less fortunate children."

Registrants will receive a Big Toddle pack full of information and ideas including activity sheets, storybooks, posters and certificates.

Visit www.bigtoddle.co.uk or call 0800 008 7005.

Irish rhythms

WEYMOUTH & DORCHESTER | THE Heartstring Quarter bring their Irish rhythms to Portesham Village Hall this Saturday, March 25th.

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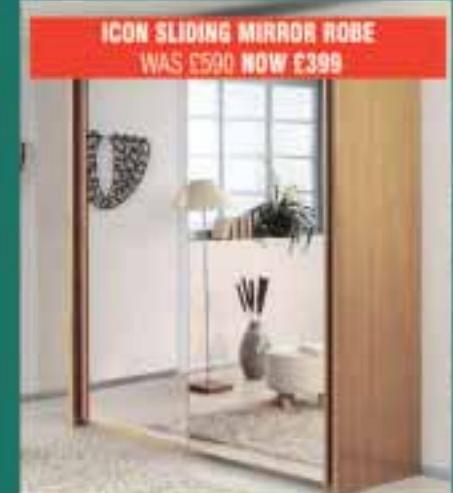
Limited time remains for Olympic torch fund

WEST DORSET | TIME is running out for parishes in West Dorset to apply for funds to help celebrate the Olympic Torch relay when it comes to the area on July 12th and 13th.

West Dorset District Council has put aside £5,000 to help support community celebrations in Dorchester, Puddletown, Winterborne Abbas, Bridport, Lyme Regis, Burton Bradstock, Abbotsbury, Portesham, Chickerell and Osmington. Applications have to be submitted by March 1st.

Further details from the West Dorset leisure and tourism team on 01305 252250 or by emailing leisure@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk

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Dorset police target scrap metal thieves

WEST DORSET | ARRESTS have been made during a multi-organisational operation to stamp out scrap metal theft.

Dorset Police and customs and environment agency officers swooped on scrap yards and conducted vehicle stop checks during Operation Iridium.

The operation aims to end scrap metal theft around the Bridport and Beaminster area.

Six covert Bridport Police officers worked in tandem with the Environment Agency and HM Customs and Excise throughout the initial phase of the ongoing operation.

During the operation a 38-year-old man from the Bridport area was arrested on suspicion of witness intimidation and criminal damage. He is on police bail until April 9th.

A 49-year-old old man from the Beaminster area was also arrested on suspicion of theft. He is on police bail until February 29th.

The 11-day operation ended with officers con-

fiscating four vehicles and suspected stolen items from a premise in the Lower Wraxal area of Dorchester on February 9th.

Inspector Mike Darby said the crimes affected everybody and urged members of the public to report metal thefts and the people committing the offences.

He said: "Operation Iridium is concentrating on the offenders who are, on a daily basis, driving around our community and stealing scrap metal and any other items they feel they can get money for."

"Covert police officers alongside officers from Customs and Excise and the Environment Agency conducted a number of stops on vehicles that were conveying scrap metal and conducted search warrants on addresses linked to this offending.

"These types of offences directly impact everyone in the rural community and is a constant cause for concern for landowners."



JACQUI Redfern, service user Alex Dunham, 18, and Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester

WEYMOUTH | FEELINGS and prejudices about homelessness have been displayed at a special exhibition in Weymouth Library.

The young people whose work was showcased have all experienced homelessness and are now living in accommodation at Pottery Lane in Weymouth.

The exhibition opened a window on such people's day to day struggle to fulfil basic needs such as food, hygiene, financial support, education, employment and a right to achieve.

Among exhibits were wall hangings, tapestries, poetry, sculptures, paintings, pencil drawings

and photographs by young people supported by Tides outreach team who worked with them on a weekly basis for six months.

Their work and the support of Tides was praised by You Trust Weymouth deputy manager Jacqui Redfern who said: "Some of the exhibits take your breath away. Homelessness is going to get worse. There are kids living on the streets keeping themselves at college, but where do you wash yourself or clean your clothes? One young man was living in a graveyard.

"The exhibition was to help raise awareness of homelessness and

the biggest sin is that the majority of these people are aged 16-18 years and are often on the streets through family breakdown situations."

Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester said: "I am absolutely shocked that I have heard this. It just makes you realise how lucky you are not to be in this situation.

"I was not aware that there was this much homelessness in Weymouth and Portland.

"You tend to live in your own little bubble and when you find out something like this it is a bit of a shock to the system."

Road safety courses get underway for bikers

DORSET | COURSES aimed at making Dorset's motorcyclists safer on the road are about to get underway in the county.

The BikeSafe courses are available to anyone who rides a bike with an engine size of at least 250cc. Riders are encouraged to book their place soon as the dates filled up quickly last year.

The courses are run in two parts over a weekend. The first part runs on the Saturday from 10am to 4pm and consists of a theory presentation which highlights the causes of accidents and the theory of advanced riding.

The second part of the course is an assessed ride which will take place on the Sunday between either 9am and 12 midday or 1pm and 4pm.

The course is subsidised by Dorset County Council, which means that the course fee is just £20.

There are six courses being run from April to October in Wimborne, West Bay and North Dorset.

Police Constable Chris Smith, BikeSafe Co-ordinator, said: "Even the most experienced bikers could learn something on the BikeSafe course that may one day save their life."

"This course provides motorcyclists with a great opportunity to gain advice and tips on areas including cornering, overtaking, positioning and hazard perception.

"The Dorset Police riders that run this course are genuinely passionate about motorcycling and we hope everyone that takes part in the course enjoys it and comes out of it a better rider."

For full details, or to book a place on the course, please visit the national BikeSafe website www.bikesafe.co.uk or the Dorset Police website www.dorset.police.uk

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More Olympic drop-in sessions

WEST DORSET | PEOPLE will have a chance to attend three more drop-in sessions to find out more about the forthcoming Olympic sailing events in Weymouth and Portland

Anyone can go along to find out more about what's happening and how it might affect them.

Information about Olympic and Paralympic sailing, cultural events, parking, road access restrictions, getting to work, arriving by boat, park and ride, street trading and licensing will all be covered.

There will also be a chance to hear about legacy, visitor management, safety and security and the organisations behind the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events in Dorset will be on display and members of the team will be there to answer questions.

The drop in events will take place on Monday March 26th at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester from noon-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm; on Thursday March 29th at Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room from noon-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm and on Friday March 30th at the Community 2000 hall at Easton, Portland, from 1pm-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm.

Members of the public can meet representatives from various London 2012 and local authority organisations, ask questions and get information on a range of topics.

A general presentation will be held at each location at 1.30pm and again at 6.30pm covering all aspects of local preparations for the London 2012 Games.

Entry to the drop-ins is free of charge and is open to all local residents and businesses.

For more information about the sailing events of the London 2012 Games and Dorset's preparations visit - www.dorsetforyou.com/london2012.

by Harry Walton

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CHANGES to county council homecare contracts will save £1 million and bring a fresh approach to deliver an improved and more cost effective service across Dorset. The authority said the changes were made after an extensive service review and a reduction in the number of appointed providers which will partner the county council to provide longer-term help and care for people needing support to live at home.

It added that the changes will help promote quality and stability and also encourage a stronger working relationship with the eight selected homecare providers who will ensure the service is delivered flexibly and attentively while respecting each client's right to privacy, dignity and fulfillment.

Other advantages include a more collaborative approach where providers will be able to work co-operatively to cater for the growing demand and also develop specialisms in particular kinds of care instead of being in competition.

Some clients will be required to change homecare provider as a result of the new contracts although, in many cases, care will continue to be provided by the same person who may decide to transfer their employment to a new provider.

All the newly appointed providers have had to show that they provide good quality support services and will have to continue to meet set quality standards to stay on the list.

The new contracts will be in place by summer 2012.

County adult social care spokesman Andrew Cattaway said: "Over the last five years we have been working towards providing home care services in new ways to ensure the care people receive is of a high quality and represents good value.

"By changing the contract agreements and improving efficiency, the council will achieve savings of £1 million in the next year which will help to meet the growing demand for home care services and support more people to



■ NEW homecare providers with representatives from Dorset County Council

remain independent in their own homes.

"We aim to make the transfer of any service as seamless as possible and have been in contact with people likely to be affected by the change.

"We know that carer continuity is very important and recognise that some people will be disappointed if they have to transfer their care arrangements to a different provider.

"I would like to reassure people that the level of service they receive will not be affected by the change in appointed providers.

"The new contracts will ensure that the quality and choice of services available remain high and also cover a variety of needs regardless of where a person lives.

"We will be meeting with all clients affected to discuss and agree on how their care will be provided in the future."

Anyone concerned about their home care arrangements or how this change may affect them, can contact the Adult Access Team at Dorset County Council on 01305 221085.

Get on the big spring clean

TOWN and parish councils and other organisations in West Dorset are invited to get involved with a spring clean as part of Keep Britain Tidy's 'The Big Tidy Up' during April.

Over 101,000 bags of rubbish have been collected across the country since the campaign launched in September 2008.

West Dorset District Council will provide gloves, a risk assessment check form, a guide to organising your event and deliver and collect the rubbish bags.

The Big Tidy Up will also send organisers bags, hi-vis tabards and posters, badges and stickers to promote your event.

If you are interested in organising a spring clean or litter pick please contact Jackie Thomas or Simon Fox on 01305 251010 for an application form.

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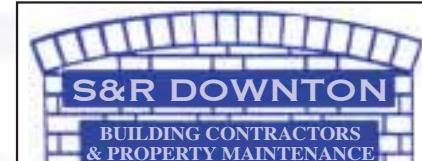
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BASED on the legendary true story of the Red Dog who united a disparate local community while roaming the Australian outback in search of his long lost master.

Stars Josh Lucas, Rachael Taylor, Noah Taylor and Keisha Castle-Hughes



OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS | Red Dog is a remarkable true story

RAMPART ¹⁵

SET in 1999 Los Angeles, Rampart tells the story of veteran police officer Dave Brown (Woody Harrelson), the last of the renegade cops, who works to take care of his family, and struggles for his own survival. Also stars Jon Bernthal, Stella Schnabel and Cynthia Nixon.



RENEGADE COP | Woody Harrelson stars in Rampart

ONE FOR THE MONEY ^{12A}

Unemployed and newly-divorced Stephanie Plum (Katherine Heigl) lands a job at her cousin's bail-bond business, where her first assignment puts her on the trail of a wanted local cop from her romantic past. Also stars Jason O'Mara, Daniel Sunjata and John Leguizamo.



BAIL BOND BUSINESS | Katherine Heigl and John Leguizamo in One For The Money

**CORN EXCHANGE HAT-TRICK
FOR 'PSYCHIC FAYRE'**

SATURDAY, February 25th marks the third year running that Bridport-based 'Psychic Fayre' will have taken their Mind, Body & Spirit Fayre to Dorchester's Corn Exchange.

The fayre will include everything from crystals to clairvoyancy, palmistry to poems, nutrition to natural beauty and all points between.

Jan Harris. Further value is pro-

vided by a 'pop-up' café run by volunteers from Bridport's Chapel in the Garden, with any profits going to their White Room fund.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, whose hospices have been so supportive to many of those involved in the fayres. Thanks to the generosity of top psychic artist Patrick Gamble, who is donating one of his stunning pictures as the prize, all proceeds from raffle

tickets sold at the event will go to the local charity: the winning ticket will be drawn just before the event closes at 4pm.

Mind, Body & Spirit Fayre runs from 10am-4pm, Saturday, February 25th at the Dorchester Corn Exchange. For more information call Susan Outhwaite on 07918 657385, or for full details visit www.psychicfayre.com.

Try it on at Dorset County Museum

A BRAND new costume and textiles exhibition has just opened at Dorset County Museum.

Hats to Handbags is a fantastic display of beautiful artefacts from the Museum's own collections including hats, shoes, parasols, fans and gloves, many of which are hundreds of years old and rarely seen outside the Museum stores. The exhibition is already attracting rave reviews from visitors who are fascinated by the personal nature of the items on display and what they say about the local people who used and loved them. Most of the artefacts were donated to the Museum and are now looked after by a dedicated team of specialist volunteers.

There is also a special area for trying on a range of colourful and stylish hats which is proving popular with people of all ages. Suitable for all the family, the exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday, and runs until 14 April.

There will be further events connected with the exhibition for both adults and children during the Easter holidays. Please contact the Museum for fur-

ther information.

For more information please Tel: 01305 262735

Dorset County Museum is supported by Dorset County Council

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**Poetry for Pleasure**

by Frank McGarry

*Dangling ghost-pale in a corner.
Abandoned now beneath the green dust of a birch tree
It seems so old and useless.
Yet it once reached up,
Exulting in a feast of crumbs,
Its wooden palm open to heaven.
If birds had a sense of history,
What would they make of it?
A sacrificial altar elbowed aside by time?
A monolith supporting the legend of how once
There was a world of plenty?
A time when Bird and Man
Lived in harmony,
Spoke one tongue, exchanged gifts.
Song for bread. Bread for song.*

This final verse, which is not about football, is from David Budbill, an American poet and playwright, who lives in the mountains of Vermont.

THE THREE GOALS

*The first goal is to see the thing itself
in and for itself, to see it simply and clearly
for what it is.
No symbolism, please.*

*The second goal is to see each individual thing
as unified, as one, with all the other
ten thousand things.
In this regard, a little wine helps a lot.*

*The third goal is to grasp the first and the second goals,
to see the universal and the particular,
simultaneously.
Regarding this one, call me when you get it.*

THE BIRD TABLE

*Grandad's old bird table
Dragged more birds down out the sky
Than a cat ever dreamed of.
I try to conjure up how it looked when new,
But fail, and see only an upright pole, the broken table*

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

Buffalo Gals are back!



BUFFALO Gals are fast becoming the UK's favourite old-time country string band, and in Dorset they certainly developed a firm fanbase with their string of sell-out Artsreach performances two years ago. They now make a long-awaited return to the Artsreach circuit, performing at three Dorset village halls in March.

Buffalo Gals perform old-time country music from the Southern Appalachian region of the United States, exploring ballads, gospel, blues, and fiery flatfoot step-dancing to expertly evoke the spirit, excitement and passion of American roots music. Firmly rooted in this American tradition, with an authentic sound driven by fiddle, banjo, percussive step dance, and soaring harmonies, the 'Gals (and guys!) produce an irresistible show packed with all the excitement and passion of Appalachian, Bluegrass, Blues and Cajun tunes and songs.

The six members of Buffalo Gals are all professional performers with a wide range of talents and interests, all of whom share a passion for the traditional music of the USA, and bring to their performance their many years of experience and enthusiasm for the genre. Heading up the band is award-winning fiddle and banjo player Kate Lissauer, hailing from Maryland in the heart of the Appalachians.

You'll hear the influence of American music everywhere; it has been hugely in-

fluential in many aspects of the music we listen to today. The roots music of America has given inspiration to almost every type of popular music we have heard in the last century. With Buffalo Gals, you will have the opportunity to relive the early forms of country music, and hear some of how American traditional music sounded when the recording industry was in its infancy.

Whether their audiences are seasoned Bluegrass and Country string band lovers or newcomers to the sound of old-time Country music, Buffalo Gals continue to surprise and delight people wherever they go. Carrying on the great tradition of the early string bands, the group enlivens their favourite old songs and tunes with their distinct personality, using top-class instrumental work, soul-searing harmonies and thrillingly syncopated percussive step-dance. Above all, it is fun, social music with a great drive and passion, engaging everyone in its excitement!

The Buffalo Gals are playing at Buckland Newton Village Hall (call 01300 345543 for details) on Thursday, March 1st at 7.30pm; Durweston Village Hall (01258 453170) on Friday, March 2nd at 7.30pm; and Burton Bradstock Village Hall (01308 897214) on Saturday, March 3rd at 7.30pm.

Series of T.E. Lawrence events at the Tank Museum

THE National Trust has organised a new series of T.E. Lawrence events, in partnership with the Tank Museum at Bovington.

Lawrence (1888-1935), famed for his exploits leading the Arab revolt against the Turks during the First World War, briefly served in the Tank Corps between 1923 and 1925. During this time he rented Clouds Hill cottage, which was to be his country refuge for the rest of his life. The cottage is now owned by the National Trust, and preserved exactly as Lawrence knew it, with many of his possessions.

The new events will kick off the 2012 season at Clouds Hill, and will be co-hosted by Clouds Hill volunteers and staff and Tank Museum staff.

First up is two Lawrence of Arabia Experience days on Sunday 4th and Sunday, March 11th. These full day experiences will begin with tea and coffee and a talk on the life of T.E. Lawrence by a National Trust representative. This will be followed by a short tour of The Tank Museum and a closer look at the Museum's Lawrence exhibition. Exhibits include a Brough Superior motorcycle, a Rolls Royce Armoured car of the type used in the Arab Revolt and items from the Museum's collection of Lawrence related artefacts.

After lunch visitors will board a minibus to take them the short distance through Bovington Camp to Clouds Hill, for a guided tour of the cottage. On the way, the bus will stop at the site where Lawrence was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident, now marked by a memorial stone.

Afterwards, there's a visit to Moreton Church to see Lawrence's grave and explore the church with its stunning engraved glass windows by the artist Laurence Whistler. The day will end with afternoon tea at the Tank Museum. Tickets cost £50 and places must be pre-booked.

On Friday, March 9th, The Tank Museum will play host to an evening lecture entitled 'Lawrence as a

Symbol for Modern Policy'. Delivered by MP Rory Stewart, the lecture will examine Lawrence's military life, drawing parallels with British and American interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan today. Rory is a former soldier, diplomat and deputy governor of a province of occupied Iraq. He has spent a number of years living and working in Iraq and Afghanistan and has long been fascinated by Lawrence. There is a £5 entry fee for the lecture.

The Lawrence theme continues with family fun at Lawrence of Arabia Weekend on March 24th and 25th, with activities and talks celebrating his life. Highlights will include a Show & Tell with Lawrence-related artefacts, a T.E. Lawrence children's trail and craft activities, and an Arabian-style souk in the museum. Entry to the event is free, but standard admis-

sion charges apply for adults. Children dressed as Lawrence of Arabia will be admitted for free.

The Tank Museum is the museum of the Royal Tank Regiment & Royal Armoured Corps. The tank was a British invention that changed warfare for ever when it was introduced in World War One – and Bovington is the only place where many of these rare and historic vehicles can be seen. Fresh from a £16m investment in new exhibitions & facilities, with almost 200 vehicles on display in six large halls, visitors will come face-to-face with tanks that have seen action in all the major wars of the 20th century.

People interested in these events can book either through the Tank Museum's website <http://www.tankmuseum.org/home> or by calling the ticket line on 01929 462359

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

HILFIELD, NEAR BATCOMBE: NGS Garden Opening at The Friary, Hilfield (DT2 7BE). Open 1.30-4.30pm. Admission £2 adults, children free.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Games Club meet at Beaminster Youth Centre (6 Prout Bridge, DT8 3AY). We do everything from Role Playing, board gaming, war gaming and Collectable card games. Every Sunday from 2pm - 6pm. For more details call 01308 862528. All welcome and it's free!

LONG BREDY: NGS Garden Opening at Langebride House (DT2 9HU). Open 2-4.30pm, admission £4 adults, children free.

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD

AXMINSTER, DEVON: Demonstration by professional turner Dave Appleby a Somerset turner who makes a range of high quality, original designed bowls, platters and hollow forms and functional domestic ware. Admission £2 for visitors, 10 am to about 4 pm at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster, EX13 5TL. For further information call 01308 427717

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THURSDAY MARCH 8TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group 'Unusual and Long Blooming Plants', an illustrator talk by the very experienced nursery woman and horticultural lecturer Derry Watkins. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. Visitors welcome (£2.50 at the door, students £1). For more details call 01305 772533.

FRIDAY MARCH 9TH

SHERBORNE: 'The Knicker Lady'. 7.30pm at the Gryphon School Conference Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne DT4 9EQ in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare. Tickets £12 each to include glass of wine & canapés, call 01305 215320 or book online at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/knickerlady

BRIDPORT: Charity blues extravaganza organised by the Lions Club of Bridport. At Freshwater. Featuring star C Sharp Blues, the Fat Marrow Blues Band and Custer's Last Blues Band. In aid of West Bay RNLI and Bridport EDP. Tickets are £10 from the TIC and the Music Shop or £12 on the door. Call 01308 897281 or email clayflurrie@tiscali.co.uk to sponsor the event and for details.

SATURDAY MARCH 10TH

DORCHESTER: Coffee Morning and Sale at the United Church Hall, 9.45am to 11.45am. Organised by Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group.

SUNDAY MARCH 11TH

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BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local lamb, sausages & eggs, Local Watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church). 2-3.30pm. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY MARCH 17TH

UPWEY: Broadwey and Upwey Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show at the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue at 2pm. Refreshments available, tombola, plant sale and cakes. Entrance free. For more details or entry forms call 01305 813942.

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

DORCHESTER: Film/dance night: Dorchester Moose presents by popular demand 'Mamma Mia!'. At the Corn Exchange. Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6.30pm prompt. Tickets £10 (no concessions). Performance by the Dorchester Ballet and Dance Group, followed by the Rob Wall Disco till 11pm. Fancy dress (Mamma Mia/70s) optional. Tickets available from Poundbury Village Stores, Harmony Music, Dorchester TIC, Sydney Arms, and Dorchester Ballet & Dance group. All proceeds to the Friendshop Club, Dorset Kidney Fund, and Julia's House. For more details call 01305 259 039 or 01300 320902. Also join our facebook page Moose Movies.

DORCHESTER: Choral Concert of Rossini's Messe Solennelle with Jennifer Thomas (Soprano), Susan Mackenzie-Park (Alto), Christopher Hobkirk (Tenor) and Simon Gallear (Bass), with director of music Colin Howard. At St Mary's Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets from Harmony Music and Choir Members. Call 01305 262005 for more details.

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STOMPIN' Dave and his band head to Weymouth Pavilion for the very first time on Thursday, March 1st. An extravaganza of a show is promised that will showcase all aspects of Stompin' Dave's music. From acoustic American old-time and bluegrass on banjo and fiddle to guitar based blues, all delivered in unique style particularly featuring Dave's red hot boogie woogie piano playing.

"Stompin' Dave is a formidable talent and outstanding musician as well as a larger-than-life personality. He's also a brilliant boogie piano player, a mean blues guitarist and a fine singer! Stompin' Dave got a standing ovation at the Isle of Wight blues weekend" - Boogaloo Promotions

Recently described as "a master... one of the world's greatest performers" by the Daily Telegraph and as "One of the world's greatest performers" by Maverick Magazine, Dave has appeared at countless festivals including Glastonbury Festival, London Remix Festival, The Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival, The Great Dorset Steam Fair, Southsea Folk & Roots Festival to name but a few. Winner of the FOATOMAD old-time banjo competition 2011. As well as being a multi instrumentalist, Dave is well known for his flat foot dancing skills.

Stompin' Dave's band will include the vastly experienced Graham Bundy on drums. Graham has worked with rockabilly luminaries such as Nashville Star's Jody Evans, Rockabilly Hall Of Fame members Dale Hawkins and Billy Lee Riley. Graham has also performed with Chuck Berry, recorded at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis and performed at The Grand Ole Opry. Also in the band will be multi instrumentalist Prof. Oz, Dave's old stompin' partner.

Advance tickets which are £10 are available from Weymouth Pavilion 01305 783225. Online tickets available from www.weymouthpavilion.co.uk. The doors open at 7pm show starts at 8pm. Tickets on the door are £12.

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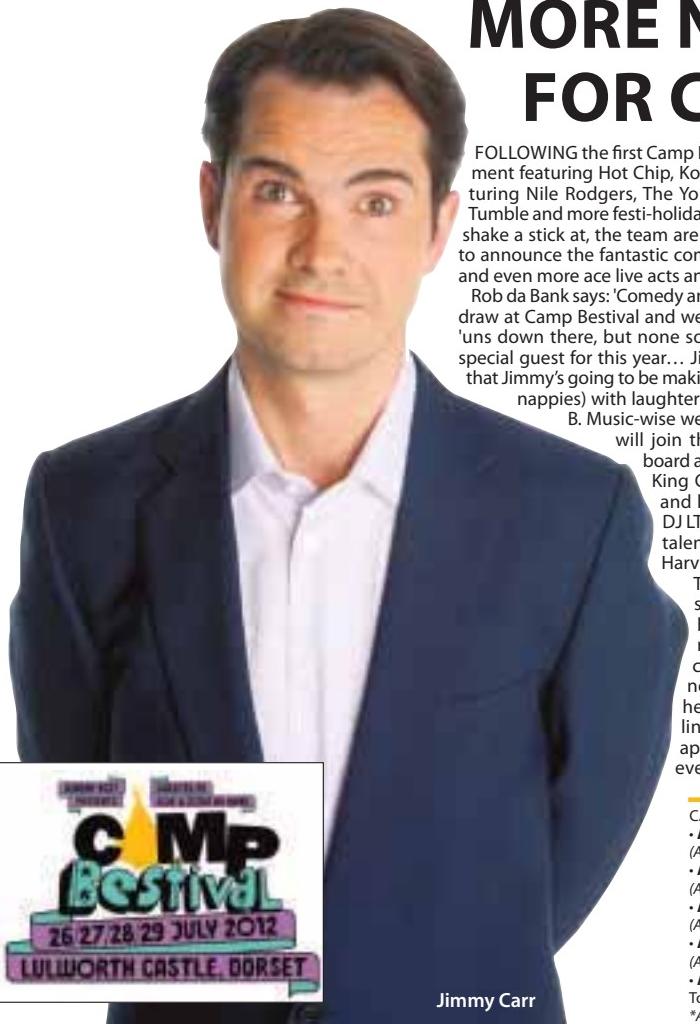
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MORE NAMES ANNOUNCED FOR CAMP BESTIVAL 2012

FOLLOWING the first Camp Bestival 2012 announcement featuring Hot Chip, Kool & The Gang, Chic featuring Nile Rodgers, The Young British Foodies, Mr Tumble and more festi-holiday brilliance than you can shake a stick at, the team are very pleased to be able to announce the fantastic comedy headliner for 2012 and even more ace live acts and DJs.

Rob da Bank says: 'Comedy and comedians are a huge draw at Camp Bestival and we've had most of the big 'uns down there, but none so mammoth as our very special guest for this year... Jimmy Carr! Well pleased that Jimmy's going to be making us wet our pants (and nappies) with laughter on the Sunday of Camp

B. Music-wise we're delighted Rolf Harris will join the fun with his wobble board and didgeridoo as well as King Creosote & Jon Hopkins and legendary drum 'n' bass DJ LTJ Bukem, alongside new talent Lianne La Havas, Ren Harvieu and Netsky.

That's right; strap up your sides because one of the best comedians currently on the stand up circuit, Perrier Award winner Jimmy Carr, will be headlining the comedy line-up with a crowning appearance on Sunday evening. A deadpan quip

machine the likes of which has rarely been seen, Jimmy cemented his fame as the presenter of 8 Out of 10 Cats and 10 O'Clock Live but his live set is renowned for his quickfire style and ever so risqué gags making him a definite must-see at this year's Camp Bestival.

Very special guest, the legendary Rolf Harris, also be at Lulworth Castle this July! The term legend gets bandied about by all and sundry but when it comes to Rolf it's completely on the money, he really is a living legend. A complete smash hit when he played Bestival, he's set to wow Camp Bestival with his amazing didgeridoo and wobble board-powered sing-alongs that are sure to get the Castle Stage crowd jumping for joy!

Other new acts joining the bill include King Creosote & Jon Hopkins who were nominated for the Mercury Prize for their sublime Diamond Mine long player, and there will also be live appearances from BBC Sound of 2012 shortlist tip Lianne La Havas, whose soul vibrations have won her an army of influential admirers; Belgian drum'n'bass Netsky who will be imparting his love of liquid funk; another BBC Sound of 2012 candidate Ren Harvieu (whose voice needs to be heard to be believed), and a very welcome return visit from Fence Collective stalwart James Yorkston.

There are even more DJs on board to ensure the Jurassic coastline is jumping during Camp Bestival weekend including one of the dongs of drum'n'bass, LTJ Bukem, and erstwhile Lionrock and Revtone kingpin Justin Robertson. Plus there will be leftfield disco love from Soft Rocks and reggae mash-up madness from Nice Up's own DJ Shepdog.

Rolf Harris



Ren Harvieu



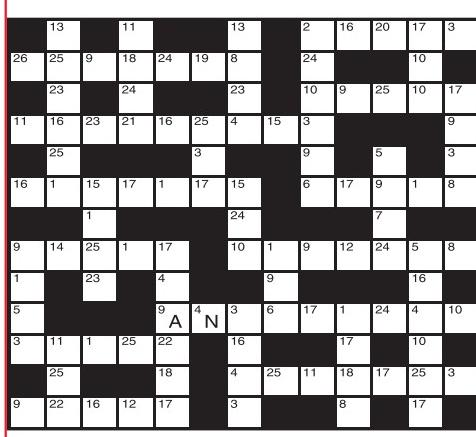
Jimmy Carr

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1 & 10 Dn. Continuing a stage career and maintaining one's respectability (7,2,11)
- 8. Falstaff's follower is no young man, initially (3)
- 9. Carried away, being unusually ardent about games (11)
- 11. Somehow parries the weapons (7)
- 12. Don't dissent from an idea that a vice is undesir (5)
- 13. Works hard and produces new stock (6)
- 15. They produce berries for those who have grown old in office (6)
- 17. What may be raised in the National Army (5)
- 18. Is included in a requirement for the making of cordial (7)
- 20. Frozen to the core? (4-7)
- 22. Don't stand for prevarication (3)
- 23. Horticultural plot is surrounding a cluster of flowers (9)
- 24. Short burst of speed (6)
- 25. Deceit (11)
- 26. Woman in religious order (3)
- 27. Infamy (9)

Down

- 2. To go off the track produces a bit of hesitation, we hear (3)
- 3. Publication is associated with ill-use (5)
- 4. A bird complaint (6)
- 5. This may cause one to tip up before autumn! (7)
- 6. Backing for financial authorisation (11)
- 7. I'm urged to be deeply affected (9)
- 10. See 1 Across
- 11. Set up mother with a stage part - a long, rambling piece (9)
- 14. Delay sentence on an old convict (4-3)
- 16. A flat metal ring used in the laundry (6)
- 19. Vexed by one assessment (5)
- 21. A long time in the Upper Andes (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Controlling device (9)
- 8. Unity (3)
- 9. Dejected (11)
- 11. Anger (7)
- 12. Fragrance (5)
- 13. Opportunity (6)
- 15. Lax (6)
- 17. Consumed (5)
- 18. Snare (7)
- 20. Deceit (11)
- 22. Woman in religious order (3)
- 23. Infamy (9)

Down

- 2. Make a mistake (3)
- 3. Language of ancient Roma (5)
- 4. Journey (6)
- 5. To free (7)
- 6. Merge (11)
- 7. Practice (9)
- 10. Charm (11)
- 11. Harsh (9)
- 14. Include (7)
- 16. Short burst of speed (6)
- 19. Of them (5)
- 21. Fix (3)

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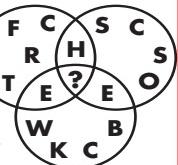
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Situated at the heart of the Jurassic Coast a UNESCO World Heritage Site Lyme Regis is a popular seaside town famed for its many historic connections, character buildings and of course for its well known Cobb Harbour. It is considered quite unspoilt though has all the shops and amenities one could require, along with many leisure activities including both sailing and power boats clubs, a cliff top golf course and bowling green.

Lyme Regis lies approximately 5 miles from the market Axminster which has mainline rail connections to London, Waterloo. Exeter provides access to the M5 Motorway and its own regional airport. Local there are popular primary Schools in Lyme Regis and Uplyme along with the well respected Woodroffe Secondary school and nearby Colyton Grammar School.

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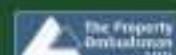
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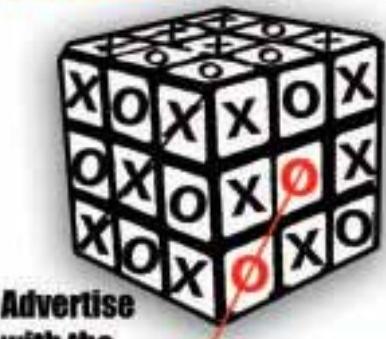


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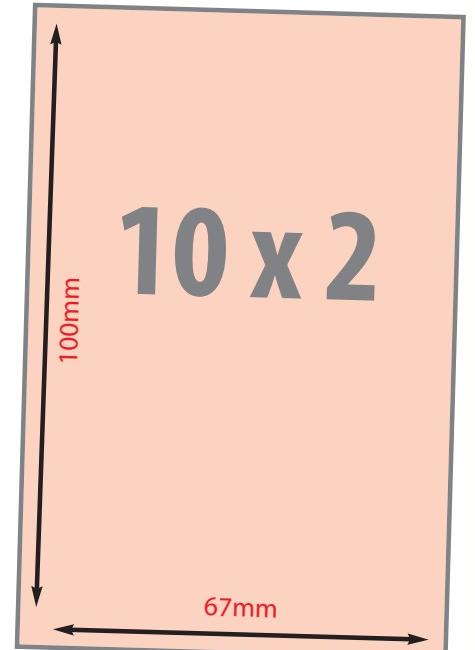
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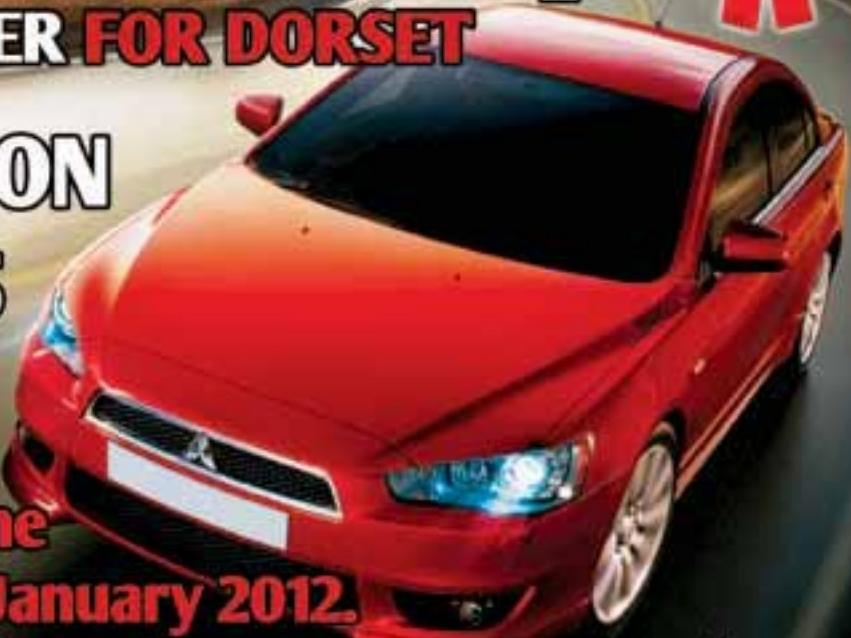
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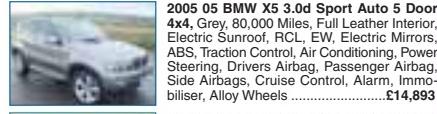
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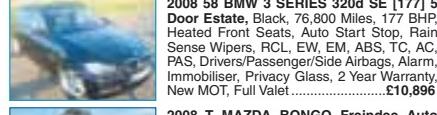
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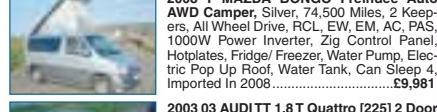
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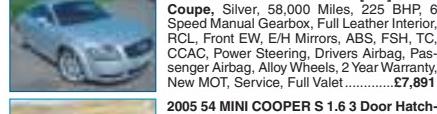
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CRANES HALT ISLANDERS TITLE PUSH

Dear's double lifts Poundbury into promotion

Premier Division

PORLAND United's title aspirations received a blow as they were held to a 1-1 draw at Cranborne.

A Dan Loader OG earned the Islanders their point.

Moving up fast on the rails are Hamworthy Rec who hammered Bridport Reserves 5-1 on their own St Mary's turf. Ash Clarke netted for the Bees.

Doubles from Josh Why and Scott Henley and a single from Nick Etherington saw the Chickrell United chickens strut their way to a 5-1 demolition of Shaftesbury.

Doomed Sherborne Town Reserves finally broke their 25 game winless duck with a morale-boosting 2-0 win over fellow strugglers Weymouth Reserves.

Senior Division

PORLAND United maintained their slender one point lead at the top with a 2-1 home win against Blandford with their strikes coming from Simon Crouch and Andrew Perkins.

Wareham Rangers moved back into contention with their first win in five games when they thrashed Bishops Caundle 11-0 on their own turf – the biggest win of the day.

A Charlie Kenderdine goal was enough to earn third placed Upwey & Broadwey all three points from the visit of Kingston Lacy.

Chickrell United and Weymouth Sports drew 1-1 with the Chickens strike coming from Liam Coles. Piddletrenthide United moved further away from the foot of the League with a 4-2 win at Gillingham Town.

TERRAS NEWS: Ford bags brace

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MARK Ford signalled his goal scoring ability by grabbing two late goals in his debut for Weymouth that saw the Terras move into the top half of the Evo-STIK South Premier League after a disappointing defeat at Chippenham Town earlier in the week.

Ford who had come on with 20 minutes left, struck seven minutes later and looked to have secured all three points, before Liam Dolman appeared to have snatched a draw for the Puritans with just three minutes to go.

But the goal instinct that has seen the 21-year-old notch 35 goals in just 22 games for Magna Dorset Premier League side Blandford United this season, showed his prowess by squeezing home a winner in added time.

The first-half was spoiled by a swirling wind that made it difficult for both sides to control the ball and chances were at a premium although Weymouth had the lion's share of the possession.

With the wind having dropped during the interval, both sides were able to play more attractive football. Weymouth started to dictate the game and Byerley and Matt Groves both had possible chances.

After Joyce had to be replaced by Scott Dixon just after the hour, Groves was also forced off with a calf injury giving Ford his chance.

Full-back Ollie Tribe fired two efforts wide before Weymouth scored the goal their possession deserved. Stephen Reed's corner and Ford fired into the left hand corner.

Kemp foiled the striker finishing off a good move with another fine save before Banbury grabbed an equaliser three minutes from time when the home defence failed to deal with a free kick.

It seemed that the opportunity of victory

Division One

POUNDBURY Rovers moved up into the top two thanks to a double from Matt Dear in a 2-0 win over visiting Wincanton Town.

Meanwhile goals from Lee Pattison (2) and Marcus Simpson saw Granby Rovers to a 3-1 victory over Bere Regis.

Division Two

CORFE Mullen's lead at the top was eroded to seven points by a 5-3 reverse at Bridport 3rds. It could have been worse for the leaders who trailed 5-0 after 35 minutes and have now lost three on the spin. Bees' marksmen were Michael Hallu (2), James Bird, Richard Pincombe and Carl Bulman.

11th Signal moved back into the top three with a 4-2 victory Weymouth Spartans.

Dorchester Sports stay in sixth place after their single goal victory against their visitors Wyke Regis Social Club with the goal coming from Daniel Anderson.

Elsewhere Josh Houghton struck four times as The Balti House hammered Crossways 6-2.

Division Three

ONHEAD United lost ground on the leaders AFC Cobham when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Maiden Newton with the hosts' strike coming from Danny Smith.

Piddlehinton United slipped-up as they were beaten 3-1 by Galaxy FC. Lee Rockingham, Elliott

Gould and Paul Cole scored for the hosts.

Portesham stay in fifth place after their entertaining 5-4 win at Bere Regis. Nick White (2) Shaun Cope and Will Spurdle scored for Bere.

Division Four

A JAMES Herron goal couldn't save Puddletown from 4-1 home defeat at title-favourites Handley Sports who now need only two points from their last two games to win the League.

Weymouth Spartans drew a blank at home and were duly beaten 3-0 by promotion-chasing Stalbridge.

Owermoigne aren't out of the promotion mix just yet despite being held to a 2-2 draw by struggling Swanage Town.

Division Five

AFC Blandford extended their lead at the top to six points after their 2-0 win at Broadstone. Donhead United stay in the top four with a 5-1 victory against their visitors from Dorchester CC. Matt Cracknell netted the Dorch consolation.

A 4-3 defeat for Maiden Newton & Cattistock saw them leap-frogged by opponents Handley Sports. Poundbury A went down 4-1 in their bottom-of-the-table clash at Milborne Sports.

Divisions Four & Five League Cup

Section One

GALAXY FC got their league cup campaign off to a great start with a 2-1 win at Littlemoor with their strikes coming from Matthew Bird and Antony Patrick Kenner netted the Littlemoor response.

RESULTS - 18th February

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford United 2-1 Tintinhull
Bridport Reserves 1-5 Hamworthy Rec
Chickrell United 5-1 Shaftesbury
Cranborne 1-1 Portland United
Holt United 0-0 Sturminster Marshall
Poole Borough 0-3 Merley Cobham
Sherborne Res 2-0 Weymouth Res
Westland Sports 3-2 Parley Sports

Senior League

Bishops Caundle 0-11 Wareham Rangers
Chickrell Utd 1-1 Weymouth Sports
Gillingham 2-4 Piddletrenthide
Portland United 2-1 Blandford Utd
Stourpaine 4-3 Okeford United
Sturm Newton Utd 4-1 Witchampton
Upwey & Broadwey 1-0 Kingstone Lacy

Division One

Granby Rovers 3-1 Bere Regis
Merley Cobham 0-5 Kangaroos
Poundbury Rovers 2-0 Wincanton
Shaftesbury 0-9 Westland Sports
Swanage & H 3-2 The Ship Inn

Division Two

11th Signals 4-2 Weymouth Spartans
Bridport 5-3 Corfe Mullen United
Dorchester Sports 1-0 Wyke Regis SC
Lytchett RT 0-4 Gillingham Town
The Balti House 6-2 Crossways
Wareham Rangers 2-2 Corfe Castle

Division Three

Bere Regis 4-5 Portesham

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Hamworthy Rec	21	17	1	3	58	52
Wincanton	21	17	4	0	55	52*
Westland Sports	21	16	3	2	53	51
Holt United	22	14	3	4	34	45
Chickrell United	22	14	2	6	17	44
Bridport Reserves	23	11	4	8	14	37
Parley Sports	24	11	3	10	0	36
Swanage & Herston	22	11	10	10	-3	34
Blandford United	23	9	4	10	-4	31
Sturminster Marshall	25	8	6	11	4	30
Poole Borough	26	8	4	14	-10	28
Merley Cobham	23	7	3	13	-13	24
Tintinhull	24	6	5	13	-25	23
Cranborne	25	6	3	16	-27	21
Hamworthy Utd Res	24	7	4	13	-17	19*
Shaftesbury	23	4	2	17	-56	14
Sherborne Res	25	1	22	89	-5	5

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Portland Utd Res	18	11	6	1	28	39
Wareham Rangers	11	5	3	22	38	38
Upwey & Broadwey	20	12	2	6	9	38
Kingston Lacy	16	10	4	2	19	34
Wimborne Utd	17	10	2	5	9	32
Weymouth Sports	20	7	6	7	-4	27
Okeford United	17	7	4	6	13	25
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Chickrell Utd Res	18	3	6	9	-15	14
Gillingham	18	4	2	12	-21	14
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Blandford Utd Res	20	2	4	14	-40	10

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Rs	18	14	2	4	48	44
Poundbury Rovers	21	11	6	4	17	39
Mere Town	14	12	2	0	34	38
11th Signals	16	12	0	4	39	36
Bridport A	18	11	3	4	29	36
Weymouth Sport	19	11	2	6	23	35
Dorchester Sports	16	10	2	4	17	32
Gillingham A	16	9	4	3	28	31
The Balti House	17	9	0	8	0	27
Wareham Rang Res	16	9	3	10	-23	21
Wyke Regis SC	16	4	3	9	-37	15
Crossways	17	4	0	13	-26	12
Lytchett RT	19	3	1	15	-58	10
Corfe Castle	18	1	2	15	-53	5
Sturm Newton Res	15	1	11	13	-45	4

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	16	12	1	3	27	37
Donhead Utd	14	11	1	2	20	34
Piddlehinton Utd	15	9	3	3	30	30
Galaxy FC	14	8	0	6	4	24
Portesham United	15	7	1	7	-3	22
Stickland United	15	6	2	7	-25	20
Bere Regis Res	15	6	1	8	-7	19
Maiden Newton & C	15	4	1	10	-11	13
Okeford Utd Res	13	3	1	9	-19	10
Cranborne Res	16	2	1	13	-36	7

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	16	10	4	2	37	34
Stalbridge	16	9	2	5	5	29
Weymouth Sport	17	8	2	7	4	26
Owermoigne	15	7	5	3	2	26
Littlemoor	16	6	5	5	-5	23
Poundbury Rovers	17	6	4	7	-7	22
Bishops Caundle	15	6	0	9	-10	18
Piddlehinton	17	5	1	11	-11	16
Galaxy FC Res	14	2	7	5	-6	13
Swanage Town & H	15	3	4	8	-9	12*

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Blandford	18	14	1	3	47	43
Mere Town Res	14	11	1	1	53	37
Broadstone	17	12	1	4	37	37
Donhead Utd Res	17	11	4	2	31	37
Pimperne Sports	14	6	3	5	2	21
Marnhull	16	5	3	8	-16	18
Handley Sports	16	4	3	9	-40	15
Maiden Newton & C	15	4	1	10	-25	13
Dorchester CC	13					

RUGBY ROUND-UP

Red card can't halt Weymouth 2nds

WEYMOUTH 10 WESTBURY 0

THE elements of a swirling wind and a heavy, slippery pitch made this encounter a war of attrition, with defences on top for much of the time and play confined, in the main, to the eights.

The first-half was evenly contested and remained scoreless. After the break gaps began to appear in the visitors' cover and Mike Robinson, making a welcome return to the fold, took advantage by touching down a try that remained unconverted.

Westbury could not respond and, around the hour mark, replacement Dean chased a grubber kick to gather and touch down. This try, although it too was not goaled, importantly took the home side a score clear and they held on with some comfort.

WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW 8 WEYMOUTH 2nd 22

ON seeing this result on the RFU website my thought was "that's a useful win". I did not know the half of it!

It appears that the home side play near the top of a hill on the outskirts of Salisbury, and Weymouth played against both howling wind and slope during the first period.

Midway through the half their scrum-half, who shall be nameless, was sent to the bin. He, instead of taking his position behind the posts, stood on the touchline and, when a home player was preparing to field a Garryowen, shouted "drop it" rather loudly.

The player duly obliged and the referee, both awarded a penalty against Weymouth and sent the scrum-half from the field of play. The home side kicked the penalty and Weymouth had to play the rest of the game with 14.

Against the odds they took the lead through a Sean Murphy try, converted by Peplow and, although the home side regained the lead with an unconverted try of their own, Weymouth would have been satisfied at the halfway stage at 8-7 in arrears, for they would now have both wind and

slope in their favour.

Their problems were by no means done however for, within 10 minutes of the restart, Nathan Allen went down with a neck injury and was left lying for half an hour waiting for the ambulance. He was then carted off while proclaiming his fitness. The teams then re-emerged to find that the wind had dropped thus diminishing Weymouth's advantage.

They put these woes behind them however and regained the lead through a Max Boudoir try, again converted by Peplow. The out half then proceeded to drop goal with an excellent kick from near halfway to take his side a score clear at 17-8. This score put an end to home resistance, and Boudoir got over for his second try of the game in the final few minutes to seal the result after a day that will live long in the memory.

In what was certainly an eventful afternoon for the Weymouth club, their third side went down 35-9 against Wimborne thirds.

DEVIZES 15 DORCHESTER 5

THIS was always going to be a close fought encounter and, as it transpired, the decisive action took place well within the first five minutes of play.

Having been asked to play with both the wind and slope in their favour Devizes kicked off deep, Dorchester fumbled and their opponents were first to react.

The conversion kick went wide but worse was to come. Dorchester kicked the restart drop out straight into touch, thus conceding a scrum on halfway. After winning possession Devizes worked their way forward and kicked a penalty goal.

Although now eight points in arrears, Dorchester buckled down and established a very distinct edge in the set piece, although the home number eight did much to nullify this by tidying well behind a retreating pack at the set scrums.

The game settled into a pretty turgid affair and, although the visitors got a score back before the

break, defences were, generally speaking on top. Dorchester's try was scored out wide by James Baker.

The third quarter, territorially speaking, belonged to Dorchester although they could not break down a stubborn home defence. They became vulnerable to the counter also, and the home winger broke away and ran to their posts.

The extras were duly added from in front and Devizes were in the driving seat. Dorchester kept going to the end but could not alter the score board.

It was rather better news for the Dorchester second side who predictably beat the struggling Lymington Minster second side 36-0, thus maintaining their promotion challenge.

WIMBORNE 2nd 34 PUDDLETOWN 19

A MORE than useful home back division was the difference between the sides in this, for the most part, evenly contested encounter.

In fact it was Puddletown who started the brighter, only for an interception to blunt their effort. It put the home side on to the attack and they proceeded to spin the ball wide and outflank the cover. The try was converted and Wimborne led 7-0.

This heralded the best period of the game for the home side and two more scores followed in short order. Puddletown regrouped however and a flowing move ended with flanker Newberry getting over. The home side had the wind at their backs throughout the first period however and made it count by scoring the bonus point try just before the break, and to lead 24-5 at the halfway stage.

Although Puddletown were now with the elements they could not take advantage and conceded a try early on.

They kept going however, began to apply pressure and were rewarded when full back Uddell ran into a gap and touched down under the posts. Yeatman added the extras and his side then had the better of matters territorial for the remainder

of the game.

They could not prevent a long range breakout try from the home threequarters but, towards the end Moise was on hand to crash over from close range. Yeatman's conversion kick was again accurate but the whistle for no side sounded before they could gain a bonus point.

BRIDPORT 23 SWANAGE & WAREHAM 2nd 5

BRIDPORT certainly started the brighter in this Dorset & Wiltshire League Division One (South) encounter, and took the lead after 10 minutes' play when, from a lineout close in, they executed a perfect peel and lock John Butler touched down.

The visitors had not come just to make up the numbers however and, although they did not score, turned the home side over several times in the ensuing few minutes of play.

Towards the end of the first quarter however Bridport spun the ball wide, recycled and Steffan McMasters on the other wing, got over near the corner flag. Out half, Wes Lewis converted with a good kick from a wide angle and Bridport were good value for their 12-0 lead.

The remainder of the half was evenly contested, then just before the break, Lewis assayed a diagonal grubber. His winger was well up to gather and off load to hooker Eddy Herbert (what was he doing there). He touched down to take his side to 17-0 ahead at the break.

Bridport did not start the second-half as well as they had started the first and a series of mistakes let their opponents in when they mauled the ball over the home line from a lineout close in.

Worse was to come for a home forward then saw yellow for persistent offending. His absence forced his side on to the defensive, after his return they won a penalty out wide. Lewis stepped up to land the goal and to take his side three scores ahead. In the final minute Lewis landed his third successful kick of the afternoon.

On what was a pretty good day for the Bridport club, its second team edged to a narrow win at Verwood coming out on top by a single point.

PREVIEW

The DORCHESTER Club are without games at first second and third team levels, as are the Weymouth and Bridport second sides.

WEYMOUTH have a catch up league fixture, and it is not an easy one, for they travel to Swanage & Wareham 2nd. The league leaders defeated these opponents by 24-6 earlier in the season but this result will certainly be closer. I do take Weymouth to win, although the gathering of a four try bonus point will, I think, be beyond them.

BRIDPORT too have a little tester with the visit of SHERBORNE 2nd. They won the earlier encounter, albeit narrowly, but have not enjoyed as good a season subsequently as their opponents, and are a far from consistent side at the moment. This one will be close, with the visitors edging the result I think.

PUDDLETOWN have what is on paper the easiest task. They entertain WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW who have become a byword for inconsistency in recent times. The home side however has been improving, week in week out and will, I think, have too much outside the scrum for their opponents.

I would suggest also that what Weymouth seconds can achieve with 14, Puddletown will certainly be able to achieve with a full complement.

As to the junior sides, the only game being played is the one between Weymouth thirds and home side Ellingham & Ringwood thirds. The latter came out on top in the earlier fixture and it could be a long afternoon for Weymouth.

Fixtures 25th February

Bridport v Sherborne 2nd (away); Chard v Old Centralians; Chard 2nd v Morganians; Dorchester 3rd v Taunton Vets; Honiton 2nd v Exmouth 3rd (away); Puddletown v Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew; Sidmouth v Thornbury (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Bideford 2nd; Weymouth v Swanage & Wareham 2nd (away); Weymouth 3rd v Ellingham & Ringwood 3rd (away).

Dorset Disabled Cricket Club enjoy season despite losses

DESPITE losing all their five matches last season, Dorset Disabled Cricket Team enjoyed the experience and gained more points and scored more runs than any other season.

Secretary Gordon Pickersgill's also reported at the club's AGM held in Dorchester YMCA on February 12th, that the team had played at Lords, Old Trafford, Newport and Cardiff in their five CFPD games and in Telford in the North v South game, and that more of their players had taken part than ever before.

The club's president Les Phillips MBE opened the meeting with apologies from Simon Penny, Tom Griffith, Louis Mountain, Jack Watkins, Graham Whistler, Callum

Tucker who was in America, and chairman Michael Chant senior who was ill.

Gordon Pickersgill in his role also as treasurer reported the club had made a substantial profit due mainly to bequests from two of his relatives who donated the proceeds of their funerals to the club.

Team captain Mark Pickersgill reported that he thought all of the team had enjoyed the season, with everybody making substantial improvements, and that further improvements would hopefully follow due to the help of coaches Rob Newton and Peter Tucker.

Les Phillips was re-elected President and with Michael Chant senior being ill, David Barrett accepted the post of chairman.

Gordon was once again re-elected secretary and treasurer, whilst Mark Pickersgill was once again re-elected to captain the side.

It was reported that all the players had been registered for the new season with those with physical disabilities having been assessed at Taunton and Exeter.

The learning disabled players had to fill out forms to see if they qualify and include an IQ test.

This is taking a long time due to players finding suitable psychologists to help with the forms.

In an effort to encourage new players the secretary has joined other organisations like Active Dorset and the special schools

committee to get the word around.

Next season's fixtures: March 19th (* Selected players only) - England v Wales (Lords, London)*; April 29th - England 'A' v Wales 'A' (Old Trafford, Manchester)*; May 13th - Hampshire v Dorset (tbc, Hampshire); May 20th - Somerset v Dorset (Taunton Deane); May 27th - Dorset v Hertfordshire (Dorchester Rec); June 24th - Dorset v Somerset (Dorchester Rec); July 1st - Herefordshire v Dorset (Welwyn, Herts); July 8th - Dorset v Hampshire (Dorchester Rec); July 22nd - Wales v England (Newport, Wales)*; August 19th - Harry Pickersgill Cup (Dorchester Rec); September 2nd - North v South & Junior Tournament (Telford, Shropshire).

Weymouth RFC news

DORCHESTER U14 22 WEYMOUTH 5

THIS game was switched to Weymouth due to a frozen pitch, and it was the Seasiders now on home soil who started the better having most possession and territory for the first quarter of the game.

They took the lead when Toby De Kretzer started and finished a move, but Dorchester took the lead following concerted pressure inside the Weymouth 22 with two tries just before the interval from Jack Cartwright and Ryan Haskell.

During the second-half there were several injuries and this forced the teams to play uncontested scrums giving Dorchester the opportunity to use their well practised rucking skills and gain two more opportunities to score. Jack Warburton scored the third try and then converted Jamie Brown's effort for Dorchester's fourth score.

The game was well played by both teams with some excellent tackling stretching the Weymouth team's skills. Weymouth newcomer Matt Baker-McGee was awarded Man-of-the-Match.

Under 15 Girls

WEYMOUTH combined with North Dorset to play their first competitive fixture against Oakmeadians. Six players made the trip, three having not played before.

It was always going to be a tough match, against a well established Oaks team who controlled the early stages running in some good tries.

As Weymouth & North Dorset started to gel they started putting some phase play together ending in a well worked try of their own.

Oaks, a well drilled side regained control and momentum using their forwards and finished the game off convincingly.

Player-of-the-match for Weymouth was awarded to Emma Davis.

The six Weymouth girls who took part were; Terri Biggs, Emma Davis, Imogen Parker, Robyn Parker, Alex Hearnd and Katy Wilkinson.

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm and on Sunday afternoons from 12.30 to 2pm - if anybody is interested then please come along.

Additional information can be obtained from Nathan Parker 07818-055385.

Cowboys test table-toppers

WEYMOUTH COWBOYS 69**WINCHESTER WIZARDS 71**

HAVING played inconsistently this season, Weymouth Cowboys put in their best performance of the season as they hosted a highflying Winchester Wizards, boosted by a sprinkling of ex-players.

From the tip, the Cowboys took the game to the Wizards and edged an even quarter leading by 17-16.

The obviously shocked Wizards

changed their offence to a press with the immediate effect and out scored their hosts by 13 to secure a 37-25 lead. During half-time, Coach Fuhrmann gave clear instructions onboard on how to prevent the fast break being employed by the Wizards. But this had little effect as the Wizards immediately racked-up 8 pts on fast breaks forcing a frustrated coach to call another time out after only two minutes.

With fresh instructions onboard the young Weymouth side constantly looked to press and with a combination of forced errors and fast intense offence, the Cowboys went on a scoring spree with baskets scored by Romano and Jack Speary. Cowboys closed the 3rd quarter 21-26, but were down overall by 63-46.

Weymouth commenced the final quarter with players immediately forcing the Wizards to turn the ball over

after excellent offensive pressing by both Dodge and Romano. Cowboys were now in the ascant as they moved to within 10 pts of the visitors.

Wizards, clearly shaken, called a timeout and restructured. This was to no avail as the Cowboys continued to defend superbly and contested Wizards for every ball. Further scores resulted in the Cowboys outscoring the Wizards 19 to 8 in the final quarter, cutting the final score to a narrow 71-65 loss.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann said: "Today we played the top team in our league, containing a number of players who have played at a very high level and we matched them.

"We have played good basketball at times this season but tonight my team played this level of basketball all game. The intensity, desire and commitment were there from the initial tip-off through to the final whistle."

Scorers/Roster: Dan Campbell 16, Andy Steele 14, Sam Dodge 11, Fil Romano 9, Matt Board 5, George Scott 4, Jack Speary 4, Steve Howlett 2, Eric Olson, Mark Talmage.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: WDC Whipping Boys 2 Trinity Express 5, Colliton

XQ2011 4 Colliton Hopefuls 4, Purbeck Potters 3 West Dorset Club A 5, Colliton Club B 5 West Dorset Club C 2, Purbeck Potters 5 Trinity M 3, Trinity Goodwins 4 West Dorset Club A 5, West Dorset Club C 3 Colliton Nomads 4.

30+ breaks: G.Haddow 42, A.Page 36 & 36, E.Wellman 35 & 31.**Top Break of the Season: Chris Haskell (Trinity M) 67.**

Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts	
West Dorset Club A.....	18	13	2	3	0	87
West Dorset Club C.....	17	11	2	4	0	78
Trinity Goodwins.....	18	11	2	5	0	75
Trinity M.....	18	7	2	9	0	69
Colliton Cons.....	16	9	2	5	0	65
Trinity Express.....	18	5	2	11	0	65
Colliton Nomads.....	17	11	1	5	0	63
Purbeck Potters.....	18	4	5	9	0	63
Colliton XQ2011.....	18	6	3	9	0	59
Colliton Hopefuls.....	18	6	2	10	0	58
Colliton Club B.....	18	4	2	12	0	55
WDC Whipping Boys.....	18	6	1	11	0	53

◆ TEAM OPEN KO CUP FINAL: West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads 4 (February, 27th at Trinity Club)

◆ TEAM KO CUP FINAL: West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads (Monday, March 19th at Trinity Club).



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INSIDE: Weymouth basketball news

King looking forward to the future with Terras

BRENDON King is looking forward to signing a long term contract that will allow him and his assistant Matt Groves to move Weymouth Football Club back up the football pyramid.

The pair who watched new signing Mark Ford come off the bench to grab a brace in the final minutes to beat Banbury United on Saturday are currently in talks with chairman George Rolls and the directors, and are expected to sign in the next few days.

King said: "We've been discussing it with the board since the beginning of the season and we've got a three to five year plan in place as it is, but they would like us to sign to give the club some stability."

"Whilst results this season have been indifferent and patchy, the board have been happy with the duo's performances off and on field and King was quick to praise the board for allowing them to run the team without interference. He also had a word to say about the odd few critics who are ready to pounce when things don't run smoothly.

"There's been no pressure on us to be fair, we're just going on and getting the job done. People who know me, know that I'm a winner and don't accept losing easily; and I don't expect my players to.

"At the end of the day you're not going to please

by Stuart Broom
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everyone and that's the nature of the beast, but I think people can see what we are trying to do. It's never easy especially at a club like Weymouth Football Club who are still a big club.

"We are trying to do the right thing as we see it, but you're not going to please everybody, but people don't see everything that's involved behind the scenes."

Reflecting on last Saturday's 2-1 victory over Banbury United which saw debutant Ford send the football-starved home fans happy with two late goals, King said: "The win was no more than we deserved, we created quite a few opportunities especially in the second-half."

"The first-half was very scrappy. The swirling wind was causing havoc and both sides struggled with the conditions.

"We did get the ball in the net in the first-half but the ref blew up for a foul by Warren Byerley which I thought was a bit harsh. We had a bit more possession than them, but they caught us on the break a couple of times.

"I told the lads at the break to move the ball a

bit quicker and get more width, and with the wind dropping we were able to get it down and play a bit. We played some good stuff at times and got our just rewards in the end."

King beat several clubs' to Ford's signature last week and repaid the manager's judgement. "It was a dream start for Mark. There was a lot of interest in him from several clubs but I think it was the fact that we give people a chance, and they don't just get in on reputation, that swayed him.

"I told him that he would get the opportunity at some point and to make the most of it when you do, and he did just that with two goals."

The win moved Weymouth up to 11th spot in the Evo-Stik South Premier league following the 3-0 defeat at Chippenham Town in midweek where King made no excuses.

"We had a number of opportunities in the first half to be three or four up at the break but didn't take them. The old cliché 'goals win games' is true and unfortunately we didn't take our chances.

"So yes we can feel sorry for ourselves, but the fact is we may feel a little hard done by not to have taken something from the game, we would have settled for a draw before the game, but we didn't deserve to win the game because we didn't take our chances."



■ WEYMOUTH Rugby club's Under 6s pictured with coaches Mark Graham and Ben Skiff and team manager Lisa Skiff. Training takes place on Sunday mornings from 10.30-11.30am - new players welcome.

Photo by CHRIS DAVIS

King will be sweating on two players that picked up injuries before Saturday's visit of Stourbridge. New signing Ben Joyce tweaked a hamstring whilst Groves injured his calf.

With a visit to bottom club Swindon Su-

permarine and then two more winnable home matches, King is hopeful that his side can get enough points to put them in the play-off mix.

"Another couple of wins should see us safe which is the first priority, but if we can get

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